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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, RH, ZA

SUBJ: ZAMBIAN PARLIAMENTARIAN EXPOUNDS HIS VIEW OF FRONTLINE

REF: (A) LUSAKA 0053, (B) LUSAKA 0116

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1. MP VALENTINE KAYOPE, IN A SPEECH IN PARLIAMENT

JAN 14 SAID THE FRONTLINE STATES' DECISION TO BACK THE

PATRIOTIC FRONT (REFTEL A) DOES NOT MEAN THAT THE FRONTLINE

WANTS TO IMPOSE LEADERS ON THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE. THE

DECISION WAS NOT MEANT TO IMPLY THAT THE LEADERS OF THE

PATRIOTIC FRONT SHOULD AUTOMATICALLY BECOME THE LEADERS

OF ZIMBABWE; THEY WILL HAVE TO WORK FOR THIS THEMSELVES.

FURTHER, THE FRONTLINE'S ENDORSEMENT WAS NOT MEANT TO

INTERFERE IN RHODESIAN INTERNAL AFFAIRS. RATHER, IT REFLECTS

A DECISION NOT TO LEND MATERIAL SUPPORT TO THOSE WHO ARE

INEFFECTIVE, BECAUSE THIS WOULD ONLY CONFUSE THE STRUGGLE FOR

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INDEPENDENCE. THIS IS ESPECIALLY TRUE SINCE CERTAIN PARTIES

ARE NOW ALIGNING THEMSELVES WITH IAN SMITH. THE FRONTLINE'S

DECISION, KAYOPE SAID, HAS MADE IT INCUMBENT ON THE

PATRIOTIC FRONT TO INSTILL IN ITSELF A SENSE

OF UNITY AND SERIOUSNESS RATHER THAN A CONCERN ABOUT HOW

THE SPIOLS WILL BE DIVIDED ONCE ZIMBABWE IS FREE.

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COMMENT: THE MP'S EXPOSITION OF THE FRONTLINE'S DECISION TO SUPPORT THE PATRIOTIC FRONT MIGHT POSSIBLY HAVE BEEN WHAT THE FRONTLINE INTENDED, BUT THE COMMUNIQUE ITSELF DOESN'T LEAVE MUCH ROOM FOR THIS INTERPRETATION. WE BELIEVE THE MP MAY BE SPEAKING FOR HIMSELF AND THAT THE GRZ'S BACKING OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT TO THE EXCLUSION OF OTHERS IS MORE ACCURATELY REFLECTED IN THE JANUARY 14 DAILY MAIL ARTICLE REPORTED IN REFTEL (B).  
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